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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION: SHUTTLE-SALYUT
(04.06)

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1. EMBOFF INFORMED VERESHCHETIN ABOUT CONTENTS OF REFTEL ON MAY 4. VERESHCHETIN COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS DO NOT UNDERSTAND NECESSITY FOR FURTHER REVIEW OF SHUTTLE-SALYUT PROJECT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IN THE PROTOCOL SIGNED DURING FIRST SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS IN NOVEMBER, 1977, THE TWO PARTIES HAD AGREED TO HOLD SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES NASA EFFORTS IN KEEPING US INFORMED WHEN SOVIETS COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH US OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND IN REPLYING TO SUCH SOVIET MESSAGES THROUGH DEPT CHANNELS.

3. COMMENT: WHEN EMBOFF INFORMED VERESHCHETIN THAT US COULD NOT PROVIDE DATES FOR NEXT SHUTTLE-SALYUT MEETING, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VERESHCHETIN BEGAN TO WORK HIMSELF INTO STATE OF SARCASTIC OUTRAGE OVER ALLEGED AMERICAN FAILURE TO RESPECT WRITTEN COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN IN PROTOCOL. HOWEVER, HE SUDDENLY CHECKED HIMSELF WITH THE COMMENT, "ALL RIGHT" (LADNO) -- AS IF HE DID NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE TOO EAGER TO OBTAIN OUR AGREEMENT TO HOLD SECOND ROUND OF MEETINGS. DESPITE VERESHCHETIN'S ATTITUDE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT

US SHOULD DELAY SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS UNTIL WE HAVE FIRM
INDICATION OF SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL
INTERPLANETARY COOPERATION. TOON

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